

# COMPROMISE PLAN SUGGESTED TO SAVE BONUS BILL FROM VETO

**T**he White House statement that the President's attitude toward bonus legislation is unchanged can mean but one thing.

It means that he will veto a bonus bill that does not provide taxation to meet bonus payments, namely, a bill that does not carry a sales tax. This seems to make certain a Presidential veto of the bonus bill reported to the House yesterday without provision for taxation. Instead, the bill proposes to pay the soldiers with certificates payable in twenty years.

These certificates are identical with Government bonds, which the President has rejected as a means of financing the bonus. Therefore he will be wholly consistent in vetoing a bonus bill on the certificate plan.

Once more The Washington Times renews its sug-

gestion of a means whereby a reconciliation can be effected between the divergent views of (1) the President who wants a sales tax and (2) the House's dominant agricultural bloc, which does not want a sales tax, but would be willing to finance the bonus by the interest on the British debt, if that interest were being paid.

Pass the original Fordney bonus bill, with which the soldiers were quite satisfied. It provides the choice of fifty dollars a month for eight or ten quarters, or a larger sum in the form of vocational or farm or home aid.

Secretary Mellon has stated that these payments can be met by \$400,000,000 per year the first two years, less in the following years, because cash bonuses will be paid up.

A manufacturers' sales tax of 1½ per cent will

provide this revenue. Canadian experience teaches that up there in half the cases a 3 per cent tax is borne by manufacturer and retailer and never reaches the consumer.

Provide in the law that this sales tax is levied for one year only.

Provide that at the expiration of this time a portion of the British interest payments will be diverted to bonus, which will allow Great Britain to participate in this testimonial to the soldiers who won her war. This method of providing finances for the bonus should satisfy the agricultural bloc.

The sales tax is insignificant in amount, and the inertia of trade channels and fixed prices would make it very difficult to get a one-and-one-half per cent sales tax through to the consumer in one year. It would be a corporation profit tax. The President

would hardly object to using a portion of the British interest payments for the bonus once he has had time to fund the British debt and get the interest payments flowing.

The proposed certificate plan has one advantage over the Fordney bill, because a needy soldier can use his certificate to borrow from the bank half the present value of his certificate, namely, about \$200.

The Fordney bill can take care of this contingency if the soldier is given eight or ten fifty-dollar certificates due on successive quarters and is allowed to borrow at the banks up to a certain percentage of the face value of the certificates.

The bonus bill must pass. It ought not to be longer delayed by differences between the White House and the Capitol when those differences can be equitably adjusted.

## MONCURE HITS D.C. AS EVIL CITY

(Continued from First Page.)

He would call a grand jury next week to go thoroughly into the divorce situation.

The judge promised that the grand jury would be made up of "real men and real citizens."

Defends Mrs. Baggett.

His only reference to Mrs. Mary L. Baggett, "divorce queen" of Little Rock, was that "I have known that poor, unfortunate woman."

Further reference to Mrs. Baggett, he looked for today, when the judge resumed his discourse before the committee, using as his subject "The Divorce Situation as I See It."

Famous for his custom of quoting from the Holy Bible in church and out of it, Moncure quoted freely and often from the Scriptures during his discourse before the committee.

Twice he compared himself to Christ being crucified by his enemies and once he compared himself to Abel, who was slain by his brother Cain.

"The blood of Abel cried out from the ground," quoted Moncure, who added, "and the blood of Abel still cries out from the ground."

Frank Stuart, Alexandria lawyer, who has taken a leading part in exposing the workings of the divorce mill, was the target for much of the venom of the divorce judge.

Moncure charged that Stuart and The Washington Times had conspired to effect his "official murder."

Admits His Activity.

Answering the charge that he had used his office as judge of the corporation court of the city of Alexandria to build a political machine, Moncure said:

"When you talk to me about trying to elect for my friends, I say, I have. That is the birthright of every free American citizen."

It has been repeatedly charged in testimony of a dozen witnesses who have been heard that Moncure took the streets in advocacy of the candidacy last year of Howard W. Smith, who was offering for commonwealth's attorney. Smith was elected and is chairman of the bar committee now investigating Moncure's official acts.

Howard W. Smith is a warm friend of mine, the judge admitted. "We came here at about the same time. I love him. If it meant my own defeat, I would try to help him out."

Moncure commended W. S. Snow, whom he opposed for commonwealth's attorney, as a young man of the highest character.

"Snow fought a clean, above the table fight," Moncure said.

In answering charges by Robert Thomas that he had sought to get Snow to retire from the race, Moncure took occasion to assail Judge J. K. M. Norton, who is a member of the probe committee.

"I like Thomas," Moncure said, "but the poor fellow is under a mighty bad influence." Thomas is associated with Judge Norton in the practice of the law.

Outlines His Defense.

Moncure gave the first suggestion of what his line of defense will be when he told the committee yesterday that "if anything wrong came to my court, it was because the lawyers who brought it there made it wrong."

This brief reference gave the key to the judge's plea and was not unexpected.

"General allegations," Moncure said, "concerning Jesus Christ, in bringing before the committee the charges of Attorney Stuart. When Christ was crucified, it looked for a time as if his cause was lost. His little band of followers had scattered."



## Petition for Soldier Bonus and Sales Tax

**WE** respectfully petition Congress to pass the Soldiers' Bonus Act without further delay and also to levy a Sales Tax to obtain the money to pay the Bonus.

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Westmoreland county, where he came from, and that more than once he went into court with a pistol in his pocket. That is not my idea of practicing law.

"If a little yellow dog came yelping at your heels, he would want you to answer him. I'm not going to bark at that little dog. I can hope that the little yellow dog will soon become interested in something else," Moncure testified.

Stuart and Harvey L. Cobb, Times reporter, who made an investigation of Little Rock's divorce mill, "want to administer a dose of poison just for the love of seeing a man die," Moncure said.

On more than one occasion, Moncure testified, Stuart told him that he had heard that Alexandria was corrupt, that her political leaders were corrupt, and that the divorce mill was corrupt.

"If Alexandria is so corrupt, why did Mr. Stuart come here?" demanded Moncure. "He came here thinking that some of the shekels would come out of the hopper of the divorce mill for him."

"He has not attacked Judge Norton or Judge Barley. They were on the bench before my time. I there is a divorce mill here, merely took it up where they left off."

Stuart was assailed by Moncure, because he had ridiculed the judge's attire. "If I am here on a charge of not dressing like a Beau Brummel, I'll have to stand it," he said.

The judge cited several cases where Stuart had appeared before him and had been guilty of tactics which he could not approve.

"I don't want to think that the lawyers here are a bunch of rascals," said the judge. "I think the lawyers of Alexandria rank as high as any in Virginia and as high as any I know."

The judge told a story, which he said set forth his idea of "substantial justice." "A young whippersnapper was appearing in a case before an old judge of this State," Moncure said. "He quoted law at lib and made a powerful plea, but the judge decided against him."

## WILL ASK BONUS DESPITE THREAT FROM HARDING

**G. O. P. Determined to Pass Measure in Face of Threatened Executive Veto.**

By International News Service.

In the face of the warning that President Harding is opposed to the proposed soldier bonus bill now pending in the House because it does not provide for a sales tax,

Republican leaders today were determined to pass the measure in its present form. They do not believe that the President will veto the bill if it gets through Congress.

It was pointed out that the original bonus requirements of the President were (1) that there should be no re-enactment of repealed laws on excess profits, (2) that the Treasury should not be called upon to meet a heavy draft for cash payments, and (3) that interest received on the foreign debt to the United States should not be used.

Republican leaders of the House declare that all of these conditions have been met in the present bill, and makes no provision for a use of foreign debt bonds.

Chairman Fordney, of the House Ways and Means Committee, is in Paris, Ill., today, but before leaving Washington he expressed the belief that President Harding would approve the bonus bill as finally acted by the committee.

Congressman Longworth, Fear and Tilson, leading Republicans of the Ways and Means Committee, declared that while they did not know President's mind, they were confident that he would not oppose the bill despite the committee's flat rejection of the sales tax.

It is expected that the bill will be passed by the House early next week. The Ways and Means Committee probably will lay the measure before the House on Saturday.

## YOUTH HANDS DOWN SEVEN NARCOTIC INDICTMENTS

Harry Kaufman, alias Fred Nelson, was today indicted by the grand jury for alleged violation of the Harrison narcotic act. The accused, who is from Richmond, Va., was arrested December 6 last at Seventh and K streets northwest, on charge of picking pockets and also of violating the narcotic law.

When searched at police headquarters, fifty grains of morphine were found hidden on him.

Others indicted on the same charge are: John Buck Carson, alias Daniel Costello Woods; Henry Jackson and Alphonso Stamps, Joe Jackson and John Williams, alias Pretty.

Lawrence W. Harmon was indicted for forgery; Carl C. Mayer, alias Dooler, for larceny from the United States; Walter M. Gant and Charles West, for joyriding; James R. Adams, Peuben N. Samsbury and M. Gaylor, non-support of wife and children.

**CAT-EYED GIRL THIEF SOUGHT BY POLICE HERE**

Miss Webb, the servant girl thief, known to police headquarters throughout the country as "The Cat-eyed Girl," and by a dozen other names, is being sought in Washington. Following her most recent robbery of \$5,000 worth of jewelry from the home in which she was employed in St. Louis, police that city have reason to believe she may have come here.

She is thirty-nine years old, and marked by a brown spot in the upper half of her left eye. She specializes in holding up her employer's homes where she gains admittance as a servant.

**OREGONIAN WINNER OF O. HENRY FICTION PRIZE**

MEDFORD, Ore., March 8.—Edison Marshall, of this city, has received official notice that he had been awarded the O. Henry memorial prize for 1921 for "the best short story written during the year." The prize is \$500.

The prize-winning story, "The House of Little Shikara," was published in January, 1921. Its plot was laid in India.

## LEGION FAVORS FORDNEY BONUS, HINTS McNIDER

**Declares He Hasn't Given Bill Sufficient Study Yet—Case Before People.**

By International News Service.

The American Legion looks favorably on the revised Republican soldier bonus plan, it was intimated here today by Harford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion.

MacNider, who is en route to attend the Florida State convention of the legion, declared that he had not studied the proposed bill sufficiently to warrant a flat statement of approval or disapproval.

Officials of the American Legion accompanying him, however, were frank in declaring that they saw no objection to the revised plan.

MacNider stated that he was aware of President Harding's attitude towards the new measure as expressed by the President yesterday. The bill, under which the former soldiers would receive deferred adjusted compensation or immediate relief through bank loans, does not appeal to the President.

Asked if he would pay another visit to the President to plead for passage of a soldier bonus measure, MacNider stated he would not.

"The American Legion has put its case clearly before the President," MacNider declared. "It has already been put clearly before the American people. It has become an issue where everyone must stand on one side of the fence. On one side are the capitalistic interests and on the other are the friends of fighting men. The details of the bonus measure will require careful study before I commit myself or the legion."

"The larger issue is the passage of a soldier bonus measure. I can only urge its passage at the earliest possible date and point out to those who lay it in their power to pass it that the people whom they represent desire that it be passed."

## WOMEN SEIZE NEGRO LATER FOUND HANGING TO TREE

ABERDEEN, Miss., March 8.—William Baker, eight-year-old negro, was found by Sheriff Lewis yesterday hanging from the limb of a Chinaberry tree. The negro had criminally attacked the six-year-old daughter of his employer, a Monroe county farmer.

The child's screams brought her mother and other women who were in the home. The women held the negro until neighbors arrived. The sheriff was sent for, but arrived too late. The indignation meeting had beaten him.

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## Terms of Bonus Bill as Outlined by House Chiefs

Under the provisions of the revised bonus bill, the insurance certificate plan is substituted for the insurance and cash bonus features of the five-year plan endorsed by the American Legion.

Veterans are given five options under the plan, as follows:

To receive adjusted service pay; but the veteran cannot choose this plan if the amount of his adjusted service credit is more than \$50.

To receive vocational training aid.

To receive farm or home aid.

The vocational training aid, the farm or home aid and the land settlement aid features remain as they were in the bonus bill that was reported by the Senate Finance Committee last Summer.

The revised bill also excludes the first sixty days of service in figuring the adjusted service credit. Every person who served with the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, with rank no higher than captain in the Army or Marine Corps and lieutenant in the Navy, either at home or overseas, is entitled to compensation.

The new draft of the bill retains the amount of compensation originally fixed. For each day of home service \$1 is allowed and \$1.25 for each day of overseas or high seas service. A maximum of \$500 for home service and \$925 for overseas service is fixed.

## VETERANS' BUREAU RULING FINAL, D. C. COURT RULES

The court has no jurisdiction to change the classification given veterans of the war by the Veterans' Bureau, according to Justice Hitz, of the District Supreme Court, who today heard arguments on the writ of mandamus filed by Mrs. Jack Welch to compel the Veterans' Bureau to declare her husband, a former soldier, totally and permanently disabled.

This latter proceeding would entitle Welch to a higher compensation than he now receives, and is the purpose of Mrs. Welch's suit. Mrs. Welch made a personal appeal to the court and went into lengthy detail of the case.

Justice Hitz said he would not issue an order in the case for two days to give her an opportunity to voluntarily discontinue her petition, if she so desired. Attorney Needham C. Turnage represented Mrs. Welch.

The meeting of the women's citizenship committee of the District Federation of Women's Clubs was postponed from last night and will be held in conjunction with the Anthony League meeting this afternoon.

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The youthful murderer is said to be much heartened by the visit. When she saw all hope of staying his sentence had been futile Mrs. Rice "took a through train to Washington" and traveled more than 300 miles from her home in New London, Conn., at night, to be at his side in the last moments.

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## WOMEN'S CLUB JOINS FIGHT TO SAVE M'HENRY

**Protest Meeting This Afternoon—Mother Renews Fight For Her Son.**

Undeterred by the President's refusal yesterday to grant her an interview in her eleventh-hour plea to have the death sentence of her son, John McHenry, commuted to life imprisonment, Mrs. Mary Rice began anew today her fight to save her son from the hangman's noose and a murderer's grave.

The twenty-two-year-old boy is scheduled to hang on the District gallows Friday. His mother has only two days before her in which to make her fight. McHenry was tried and convicted of the murder of Detective Sergeant James Armstrong and Wallace Mulcare, automobile accessories dealer, two years ago last June.

Directly Mrs. Rice has enlisted the sympathy and help of two influential women's organizations, and one of these, the Anthony League, will help her carry her struggle back again to the White House, she has been told.

The Anthony League will hold a protest meeting against the execution at 3 o'clock this afternoon at 2007 Columbia road northwest. The boy's mother has been invited to be present. A petition will be drawn up at the meeting asking for a stay of execution and to be sent to the President or to Attorney General Daugherty.

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